



# Howard County Council

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes - Approved

Web-based Virtual Meeting

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

1:00 p.m.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:** Liz Walsh, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann.

**Staff Present:** Craig Glendenning, County Auditors; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant

- 1. Spending Affordability Advisory Committee Report** – Participants: Dr. Holly Sun, Craig Glendenning; Rafiu Ighile; *Spending Affordability Advisory Committee Members:* Steven Poynot; Todd Auburn; Richard Clinch, Ph.D; Ellen Giles; John C. Hendrickson; Joshua Tzucker; Leonardo McClarty; Chao Wu.

Holly Sun provided an overview of the SAAC which was set up by Executive Order to be an independent body to advise the County Executive on economic outlook, revenue projections, debt levels, and long-term fiscal planning. SAAC members provided highlights from the report on economic and financial trends. Recommendations from SAAC include: revenue increase of no more than 2.3%; maximum of \$50 million in new GO bond authorization; and prioritize on-going capital maintenance needs. Chao Wu provided an overview of the Howard County Public School needs for capital projects and deferred maintenance requirements.

General discussion and questions from the Council regarding creation of the committee, independence of members, compliance with Open Meeting Act, generation of report and recommendations from SAAC.

**2. DTCS Website Discussion** – Participants DTCS: Brandee Ganz; TJ Moyette; and Glenn Lovelace.

Director Ganz presented the Council with a demonstration of the new County public facing website. There was a general discussion about the features and capabilities available for the Council website. DTCS requested a decision by the Council regarding whether the new Council website would reside on the County platform or if the Council wanted to pursue a separate platform. A poll of the Council indicated they would utilize the County platform provide there was visibility to the public of the Council's website.

**3. Reports**

- a. Chair submitted written report.
- b. MACo/NACo submitted written reports.
- c. Council Administrator and Auditor submitted written reports.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.